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NEWLY IDENTIFIED NAVAL VESSEL
HAIPHONG PORT, NORTH VIETNAM
2051N 10641E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE IDENTIFICATION OF WUHU, YAK (LIGHT HARBOR CARGO CRAFT) NAVAL VESSELS IN HAIPHONG, NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

HAIPHONG PORT AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

3. BACKGROUND:

PHOTOGRAPHIC RESEARCH HAS REVEALED THAT THE WUHU, YAK HAS BEEN IN HAIPHONG SINCE AT LEAST JANUARY 1968 AND VERY POSSIBLY BEFORE THAT. VESSELS OF THIS TYPE HAVE BEEN FOUND, CAMOUFLAGED, IN THE NAVAL DISPERSAL AREAS AND HAVE ALSO BEEN IDENTIFIED AT THE HAIPHONG MARINE HOSPITAL PIER WHICH HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH INFILTRATION ACTIVITY (NPIC BB M4145).

4. MISSION READOUT:

A COLLATERAL PHOTO OF AUGUST 1967 DEPICTS A CHICOM WUHU, YAK AT SHANGHAI CHINA (FIGURE 1).

PHOTOGRAPHY

REVEALS A WUHU, YAK

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ON THE BUILDING WAYS AT THE SANTUAO NAVAL BASE WEST, CHINA (FIGURE 2).

OBTAINED PHOTOGRAPHY OF A WUHU, YAK
AT THE HAIPHONG NAVAL BASE, NORTH VIETNAM. THE MACHINE GUNS AND THE BOOM
HAVE A CANVAS COVERING (CANVAS PROBABLY CONCEALS THE CARGO HOLD) (FIGURE 3).

PHOTOGRAPHY DEPICTS A WUHU, YAK
AT A REPORTED INFILTRATION PIER (HAIPHONG MARINE HOSPITAL) ALONGSIDE TWO
KNOWN INFILTRATION VESSELS, AND AN UNIDENTIFIED POSSIBLE YP (FIGURE 4).

SUBSEQUENT MISSIONS REVEAL FOUR FIRM AND ONE POSSIBLE WUHU, YAK IN
HAIPHONG.

5. REMARKS:

THE WUHU, YAK IS A LIGHT CARGO VESSEL WHICH COULD BE USED FOR SEVERAL
PURPOSES INCLUDING TRANSSHIPMENT OF CARGO FROM LARGER VESSELS. IT HAS ONE
HOLD FORWARD OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE AND HAS DIMENSIONS OF 80' x 15'. THE
VESSEL IS CAPABLE OF OPERATING IN OPEN WATER ALONG THE COASTAL AREAS OF
BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, THE VESSELS OBSERVED IN HAIPHONG
ARE ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS AND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH NAVAL
VESSELS (I.E., SWATOWS, SL-1'S) WHICH WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THE WUHU, YAK'S
FUNCTION TO BE ONE OF THE SUPPORT TO THE NAVAL COMBATANTS.

IN ADDITION, THEIR IDENTIFICATION AT THE MARINE HOSPITAL IN CONJUNCTION

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WITH KNOWN INFILTRATION VESSELS POSSIBLY INDICATES ANOTHER FUNCTION, THAT OF
INFILTRATION OF MEN AND SUPPLIES TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

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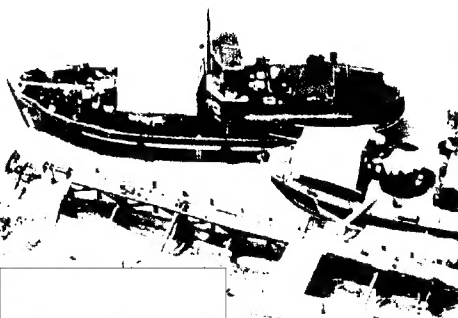
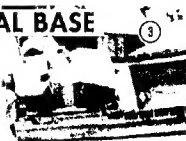
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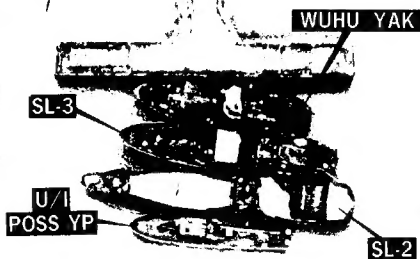
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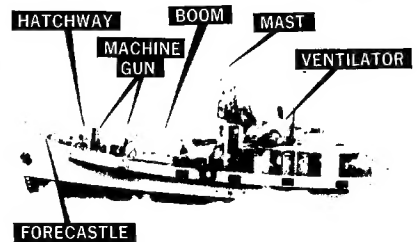
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WUHU YAK
HAIPHONG MARINE HOSPITAL



SHANG HAI, CHINA
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③ HAIPHONG

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